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A MOTHER'S GUIDE, a Manual for the Guidance of Mothers and Nurses.

By Francis Tweddell, M.D., Alumnus of Bellevue Hospital, New York; Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine; Assistant Physican to the Babies' Hospital Dispensary, New York. Price, \$1.00. James Dougherty, 409-411 West 59th St., New York.

There is little that is new in this book on a subject which has been rather exhaustively written up of late years. Dr. Tweddell is very thorough and covers the ground of his subject conscientiously, taking each subject in a paragraph or short chapter to itself, thus making it an easy book of reference. The list of clothing given for a young baby may strike the mother or nurse seeking guidance as funny, but on the other hand there are only too many mothers and many nurses who stand in need of the somewhat didactic instruction on food and feeding.

FOOD VALUES, Practical Tables for Use in Private Practice and Public Institutions. By Edwin Locke, A.M., M.D., Instructor in Medicine, Harvard Medical School. Price, \$1.00. D. Appleton Company, New York and London.

Consisting entirely of tables of weights and values of food this book is designed to give an instant estimate of the composition and nutritive value of all common foods, so that it can be applied to the regulation of diets in ordinary use. The chemical analysis of food is not touched upon nor is the question of diet for special diseases. A rather long introduction precedes the actual book and very briefly discusses the principles of dietetics which apply especially to the use of the tables which follow.

DISTRICT NURSING. By Mabel Jacques, Graduate of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Price, \$1.00. The Macmillan Company, New York.

Although lacking entirely the exactness and detail of the "Visiting Nurses' Directory," by Miss Isabel Waters, of the Henry Street Nurses' Settlement, Miss Jacques goes over some of the same ground, taking up the history of district nursing and following its development until it becomes a recognized branch of professional nursing.

Miss Jacques is inclined to be very enthusiastic, and is evidently ardently in love with her work as a district nurse and with district nurses in general. What is forbidden her to say of them by modesty is said for her by Dr. John Pryor, of Buffalo, in a preface which lauds the district nurse, setting her in a somewhat exalted position among her fellows in the nursing profession.

Beginning with the origin of district nursing and its development, Miss Jacques takes up the type of nurse required for this work and the various specialties, such as school nursing, tuberculosis crusade work, and the work among people of small means who are able and anxious to pay for the services of the visiting nurse; the right way to start a visiting nurses' association and to plan for dividing the city or town into districts, obtaining co-operation of other societies, the question of wearing a uniform, the need of nurses knowing more than one language, etc., treating each question in a highly discursive manner and interlarding "business" with illustrative narrative.

It is with surprise that one reads that advertising is of value to the success of any district nursing enterprise; your reviewer having some experience in the work has found that the poor fear and detest having their misfortunes paraded before the public, and more than once has heard and carefully heeded the pitiful request that some particularly appealing story might be kept from getting into the papers; and it has been a sort of test of the moral character of the unfortunate ones, whether or not they wished to appeal to the public for aid. It seems highly unprofessional to resort to such means for procuring help to carry on a work of this kind! One would as soon expect a doctor to enliven a dinner party by relating the confidences of his patients. After reading this chapter (No. XV) one is forced to the conclusion that before she can become a teacher of district nurses Miss Jacques has something to learn on the subject of district nursing.

A CORRECTION

IN the Nursing News of the November JOURNAL, under the heading Massachusetts, the name of Sarah Beatty was given as Susan E. Bratty. This is one of the cases where a handwriting which is good to look upon is illegible when it comes to proper names. We do not hold ourselves responsible for getting names correct unless they are type-written. If the sender of items cannot do this, it is safer to print all proper names.